

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 17 and 18 is respectfully requested in light of the above amendment.

Reconsideration is again respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-20 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Gueneau et al in view of Weimar. There is simply no reason for one of skill in the art to modify the seal of Gueneau by using the wire 20 of Weimar, and such use would not have resulted in the invention claimed.

Applicant does indeed argue the combination and submits that there is no reason to provide the wire 20 of Weimar in combination with the seal of Gueneau. The person of skill in the art would not have considered placing such a wire in the jaw or web of Gueneau to obtain the claimed invention. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

All necessary extensions of time are hereby requested. Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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